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Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association
 PO Box 653
 Hempstead, TX 77445

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AUSTIN CONTEST RESULTS AND CORPUS CHRISTI CONTEST IN APRIL



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Top Right: Austin Contest 18-54 First Place Winner Dennis Ludiker

Bottom Right: Austin Rodeo Contest 55+ winner Olaf Riewe

The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Austin once again hosted a fiddlers contest on the outdoor stage, and once again our members showed up in droves. This year we had a unique challenge in that we only had three and a half hours to get the entire contest in. I have to hand it to Dan Weaver and Heidi Labensart for really keeping the contest moving. Everyone got to play at least two tunes and the contest went off without a hitch. We even managed to vacate the stage right on time. Also, I have to mention that once again the young fiddlers really showed well at this contest. I'm not sure exactly what it is, but this contest annually draws more kids under 18 than any other contest we have. I think the directors and I will have to research that a little further. The crowds certainly enjoy watching the kids play and we certainly enjoy showcasing them. April is now upon us and that means it's time for the Shriner's contest in Corpus Christi. I know it's a long drive down there, but they put on a great event and really take care of the participants. I truly hope that everyone makes the drive down for this fantastic contest. (continued on next page)

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April also hosts the state contest in Hallettsville, and the annual Hall of Fame induction. Rumor has it that two of our long time members will be inducted this year, and as always, the entire weekend is loaded with great fiddling. Lastly, your May calendar is going to be full again this year. Groesbeck, Buffalo, and Whitewright are back on the calendar, these are all great events with a lot of history behind them. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the road.

-Mark



Visit www.texasoldtimefiddlers.org for more information.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please send comments to Mark Seale or any of the directors.



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April 24th - 27th, 2008 Texas State Championship Fiddle Contest Hallettsville Texas

Thursday, April 24 6:00 P.M.

Fiddle Jam outside on the patio: Bring your fiddle or guitar and join in!

Friday, April 25th - 6:00 p.m.

Come taste the Crawfish, Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice or sample the barbecue and hamburgers and more.

6:30 p.m. Fri. Eve. NEW DAY AND TIME

(65 and Over) SENIOR DIVISION FIDDLE CONTEST

Plus Cajun Fun Night - Great Cajun entertainment

(8:30 P.M. inside hall) "Anything Goes" Fiddle Contest

Followed by Fiddling Frenchie Burke:(Cajun)

Saturday, April 26th

9:00 a.m.

Pee-Wee Division (Ages 0-10) Continuing Next with

Freshman Division (Ages 11-15) Prizes awarded to the top 10 contestants, with the winner receiving a handmade fiddle donated by award-winning fiddle maker Forrest H. Craig.

9:30 a.m. Songwriters' Contest (Acoustic instruments only)

2 entries per contestant. (entries deadline - no later than April 1st, 2008)

1st. Plc. \$500 plus 5 other places of \$100 each details at (fiddlersfrolics.org)

Gone to Texas 12:30 p.m. (Approximate start time)

A warm Texas welcome to our out-of-state competitors! prize money awarded to the top 20 contestants, with a First Prize of \$1,400.

Saturday Night Dance 8:30p.m. till 1:00a.m.

Dance to the Music of The Ace in The Hole Band

Sunday April 27th

9:30 a.m

Guitar Accompanist Contest

Prize money awarded to the top 10 contestants.- NEXT

Texas Fiddlers' Hall of Fame

See inductees honored for their contributions to Texas Style Fiddling.

Championship Division 12:30 p.m. (Approximate start time)

You must be a Texas resident to compete.

Over \$7,500 in prize money awarded to the top 20 contestants.

Championship Play-Off 5:00 p.m. (Approximate start time)

The top 3 contestants from the Championship Division compete in an action-packed Cliff and Velda Fryer Championship play-off for the title of "Texas State Champion Fiddler" and a First Prize of \$1,500.

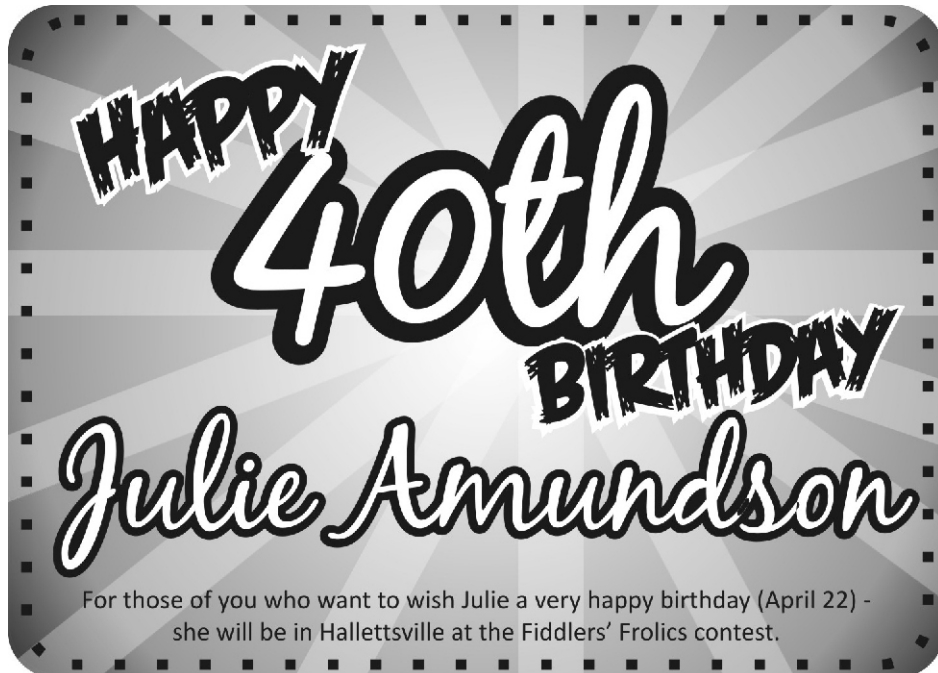
Visit <http://www.fiddlersfrolics.org> or .com For More Information

TOTFA FIDDLE CAMP

The 2nd Annual TOTFA Fiddle Camp will be the first week of August on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

Any fiddle teachers that want to be listed in *The Fiddler*, please send contact information to Mark Seale for an upcoming issue featuring teachers in Texas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Corpus Christi Contest Info

What: 3rd Annual Shriner's Fiddlers Festival
When: April 19 & 20, 2008, sign ups 10 a.m.
12 yrs & under starts playing 11:15 a.m.
Where: Shrine Center, Corpus Christi, Texas

12 years & under, 13-20, 21-45, 46-64, 65+ Prizes:

1st-\$200, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$50, 4th-\$25

Accompanist Prizes:

1st-\$200, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$50

Champ Prizes:

1st-\$500, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$150, 4th-\$75, 5th-\$50, 6th-10th-\$25

Saturday night dance with music by South Texas Opry Band

CORPUS CHRISTI

Buffalo Contest Info

What: Buffalo Fiddle Contest
When: May 10, sign up 10 a.m., play 11 a.m.
Where: Shelley Pate Memorial Park

Age Divisions:

0-18 years, 65+, 19-30, 31-64, Accompanist

Championship Round:

1st and 2nd place winners of each group will compete in the Championship Round

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

Contests Coming Soon

Buffalo - May 10

Groesbeck - TBA

Whitewright - May 31, Civic Center

Gatesville - June 7

Texas Fiddlers' Hall of Fame Induction

Texas Fiddler's Hall of Fame will induct past Texas State Champion Ricky Turpin and guitarist Rex Gillentine. New inductees will be honored at the Fiddlers' Frolics contest in Hallettsville, Texas on April 27. For more information about the Hallettsville Fiddlers' Frolics, see their ad on page 7.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

Apr 5 Suzanne Murray	Apr 15 Tristan Nugent
Apr 8 Dylan Schmidt	Apr 15 Rebecca Russell
Apr 9 Bob Arnold	Apr 17 Jay Capers
Apr 10 Kent R. Parsons	Apr 18 Robbin Guinn
Apr 11 Krikit Rast	Apr 21 Junior Marriott
Apr 11 Rebekah Weeks	Apr 21 Noelle Nugent
Apr 13 Tracy Moore	Apr 21 Lydia Ryals Stuart
Apr 14 Jacqueline Holley	Apr 22 Bob Thomas
Apr 14 Tommy Reed	Apr 23 Mary Michale Rogers
Apr 14 Doug Seholm	Apr 24 Clayton Bankston
	Apr 26 Katie Crawford
	Apr 28 Nina Mavrinac
	Apr 28 Bruce Mitchell
	Apr 29 AJ Owens

DONE GONE

Austin Contest Results

0-8

1. Maggie Banks
2. Jessica Sell
3. Noelle Nugent
4. David Cole
5. Jamey Strauss

18-54

1. Dennis Ludiker
2. Carl Hopkins
3. Cody Marriott
4. Marty Elmore
5. Aarun Carter

9-12

1. Karissa Nugent
2. Dalton Banks
3. Breezy Bolton
4. Faith Nugent
5. Dixie Reel

55+

1. Olaf Riewe
2. E.J. Hopkins
3. John Blevins

13-17

1. Bubba Hopkins
2. Maleika Nugent
3. Mia Orosco

Accompanists

1. Ray Franklin
2. Anthony Mature
3. Royce Franklin
4. Jacob Johnson
5. Seth Wray